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SUBJ: ANGOLAN MILITARY TRAFFIC THROUGH BISSAU

REF: (A) BISSAU 0696; (B) LIBREVILLE 1588

1. EMBOFF REVIEWED INFORMATION REFTEL A WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AFRICAN DIRECTOR JUNE 15. MINISTRY HAD NO INFORMATION ON C-130 FLIGHTS FROM BISSAU TO ANGOLA WITH REFUELING STOPS IN SAO TOME.
 2. HOWEVER, OFFICIAL NOTED THAT THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY IN SAO TOME HAD REPORTED THAT TWO DC-3 FLIGHTS FROM BISSAU TO ANGOLA HAD STOPPED IN SAO TOME ABOUT MAY 31 AND THAT CARRIED 100 GUINEA BISSAU SOLDIERS. FINAL DESTINATION OF THE BISSAU TROOPS WAS UNKNOWN.
 3. COMMENT: MINISTRY OFFICIAL INSISTED THAT AIRCRAFT MENTIONED PARA 2 WERE DC-3S. HOWEVER, DC-3S WOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE THE RANGE TO MAKE A NON-STOP FLIGHT FROM BISSAU TO SAO TOME, AND FROM SAO TOME TO LUANDA.
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ACCORDING TO DAO, A DC-3 WITH INTERNAL FUEL TANKS MIGHT HAVE THE RANGE BUT IN THAT CASE COULD NOT CARRY 100 FULLY-EQUIPPED TROOPS. OKUN

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